

LICENSING COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2006

Present: County Councillor Griffiths (Chairperson);
County Councillors Bridges, Goddard, Michaelis,
Derrick Morgan, Smith, Thomas and Walsh

Apologies: Councillors Cox and Holland

L6 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2006 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

L7 : AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATIONS

The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 allows Local Authorities to appoint Inspectors to enforce the duties laid down under the Act. Members received a report concerning the newly appointed member of staff who needs to be appointed as an Inspector for the purposes of Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.

RESOLVED – That Victoria Clare Davies be appointed as an Inspector for the purposes of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.

L8 : SOUTH WALES POLICE UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee received a report from Chief Superintendent Bob Evans, Superintendent Martin Jones and Constable Tony Morley of South Wales Police which informed the Committee on the successful implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Committee was given details of the “traffic lights” system used to monitor licensed premises by South Wales Police whereby a points system awards points against crimes reported at licensed premises in Cardiff. The intelligence gathered is used when reviewing licensing conditions, documenting supportive intervention or seeking revocation of licences.

Following the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 the Police officers demonstrated how there had been a reduction in the number of serious assaults and affrays in the City. There had, however, been an increase in the number of incidences of general disorder. It was the opinion of the officers that this increase was the result of clampdown on people misbehaving and the use of on the spot fines. The officers said that this robust approach had resulted in less serious disorder.

The officers thanked the Member of the Committee for their support during the first year under the new regime and also thanked the Operational Manager, Licensing and Strategic Service and his officers for their efforts and support in particular.

The Members of the Committee thanks the officers of South Wales Police for their informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That the issues raised in the presentation from South Wales Police be noted.

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Chairperson